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PRESS RELEASE

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa has been elected to the Executive Board of the National Association of Secretaries of State or NASS. Secretary Ysursa will serve as the Western State's Representative to the Board.

Founded in 1904, NASS is the nation's oldest professional, non-partisan organization of public officials and serves as a national organization for members to debate and unite on important issues ranging from the administration of elections to the registration of corporations. NASS membership includes the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the territories of Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Island.

Ysursa has been with the Secretary of State's office for 31 years, 26 years serving as chief deputy. He was elected to the office of Secretary of State in 2002 and is a member of the Board of Land Commissioners, Board of Examiners, Chairman of the Board of Canvassers and Chief Elections Officer. The Secretary of State's office files articles of incorporation, Uniform Commercial Code financing statements, trademarks, service marks and notary public appointments. Ysursa also serves as the Chairman of the State's Deferred Compensation Committee and is on the Board of the Idaho College Savings Program.

"It is a great honor to assume this new position, I believe that my extensive experience in the office of Secretary of State will be an asset to NASS" said Ysursa. "